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**TRANSMITTAL OF RESPONSE**

SIR:

Please find a Response, filed in response to an Office Action dated April 29, 2003 (the three-month shortened statutory date being July 29, 2003), transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application.

No fee is believed due at this time; however, the Commissioner is authorized, as appropriate and/or necessary, to charge any additional fees (including any other Rule 136(a) extension fees) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **11-0600**. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action having mailing date of April 29, 2003, please  
reconsider the above-identified application based on the following.

**REMARKS**

Claims 8 to 18 are now pending.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of  
this Response.

Applicants note that the Office Action refers to rejecting and/or objecting claims 1 to  
7. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 to 7 were cancelled by Applicants'  
Preliminary Amendment filed on October 22, 1999. Applicants' Preliminary Amendment  
submitted new claims 8 to 18 which are now pending in the above-identified application. A  
copy of Applicants' Preliminary Amendment is attached hereto.

Since all objections and/or rejections in the current Office Action are with regards to  
cancelled claims 1 to 7, Applicants' Attorney Linda M. Shudy (Reg. No. 47,084) telephoned  
the Examiner regarding this case on July 29, 2003. However, given the timing, this Response